

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that the claim is in condition for allowance except for the claim objections discussed in the Ex Parte Quayle Action. By this paper, Claim 1 has been amended for the purposes of clarification, and Claim 17 has been cancelled. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Claims 1, 3-8, and 10-16 remain pending.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to Claim 1. In response, Claim 1 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to Claim 1 have addressed the Examiner's objection with respect to the claim.

The Examiner has also required that Claim 15 be cancelled. Applicant respectfully notes that Claim 17, rather than Claim 15, is non-elected per the Response to Restriction Requirement submitted on April 20, 2007. Applicant respectfully submits that the cancellation of Claim 17 has addressed the Examiner's requirement to cancel non-elected claims.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicant is not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that Applicant has made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

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Conclusion

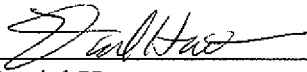
Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments have addressed all of the Examiner's objection to the pending claims, and respectfully submits that Claims 1, 3-8, and 10-16 are in condition for allowance.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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